

**Maryland Historical Trust  
Determination of Eligibility Form**

Property Name: Skiba Farms Inventory Number: CARR-1693  
Address: 2181 Greenmill Road Historic District:        Yes ☒ No  
City: Finksburg Zip Code: 21048 County: Carroll  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Westminster  
Property Owner: Dianna E. Skiba Tax Account ID Number: 014626  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 308 Tax Map Number: 59  
Project: Skiba Farms Development Agency: COE  
Agency Prepared By: Charles Belfoure, Historic Preservation  
Preparer's Name: Charles Belfoure Date Prepared:       

Documentation Is Presented In:       

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:        Eligibility Recommended ☒ Eligibility Not Recommended  
Criteria:        A        B        C        D Considerations:        A        B        C        D        E        F        G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property:       

Inventory Number:       

Eligible:        Yes

Listed:        Yes

Site Visit by MHT Staff:        Yes        No Name:       

Date:       

**Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)**

Main House & Land (photos 1, 5, 11-15):

A 2-story stone and wood frame house T-shaped in plan approx. 2,400 SF with approx. 36' x 34' footprint. House is gable roofed with T-shaped, 1-story field stone exterior walls that date from the early 1800s and original stone and brick chimneys, which are the only historic fabric remaining. Although some original framing and interior partitions remain, the house was basically gutted and remodeled with vinyl windows and siding, and new doors in 1995. The 83 acre parcel is open land with the main house and 5 outbuildings. It was used for farming until recently.

Land record and map research at the Carroll County Historical Society showed that the property was originally a land grant from 1771 called Elizabeth's Fancy. The first transaction was in 1810, when Henry Bromwell sold it to Peter G. Hunter, so this could possibly be when the house was built. It may have been earlier, but land grant parcels usually stay vacant until the initial real estate transaction. The next transaction was in 1837 followed by one in 1845 to William Caples, whose house (in the same location as the present one) is shown in the Martenet Map of 1877. The existing house could have been erected between 1810 and 1845. Caples could have been the owner who added a second story. The T-plan is original and was built all at once. The ell is not an addition.

The partition between the living room and the dining room could be the only original partition remaining. The house was originally

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sager  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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built with two symmetrically placed front doors, each opening on to one of the rooms. Looking at the stonework on the south elevation, it does not seem like it was built as a one room house with a later addition. There is no way of knowing what the partition layout in the rest of the first floor was. The house was originally a one-story T-shaped structure. Then, some time before 1960, when the present owner bought the house, a second story was added. Then in 1960, interior partitions were changed, and in 1995 more interior alterations were done

Outbuilding 1 (photos 2, 5):

One story concrete block house with an approx. 18' x 18' footprint with wood frame gable roof built in the 1960s at entry to farm for tenant or hired help.

Outbuilding 2 (photos 3, 4):

One story concrete block barn with gable roof with an approx. 50' x 100' footprint, built in the 1960s.

Outbuilding 3 (photos 6-8):

Wooden barn with standing seam gable roof and fieldstone foundation with an approx. 40' x 60' footprint, built in the early 1900s. A shed roof spans the 60' length of the south elevation. On the upper level, new sliding barn doors were installed in the 1960s, both upper hay lofts were removed. On the lower level, everything was removed to install stables and a storage area in the 1960s. The roof framing and the standing seam metal roof does not appear to be original.

Outbuilding 4 (photo 16):

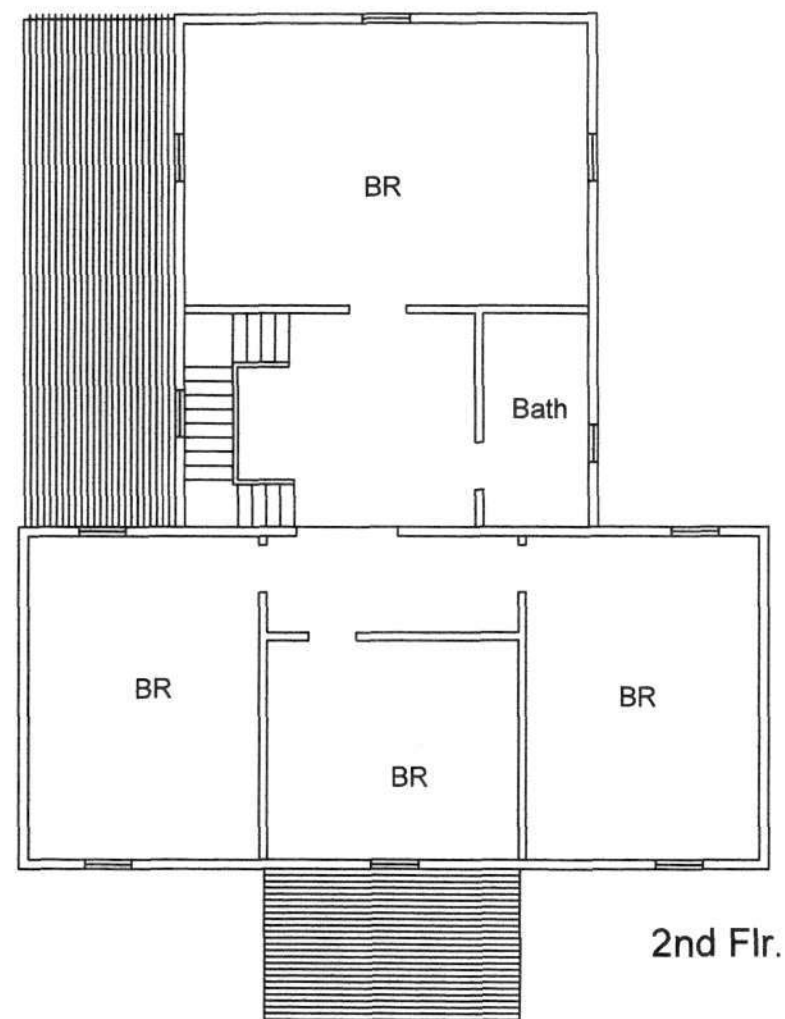
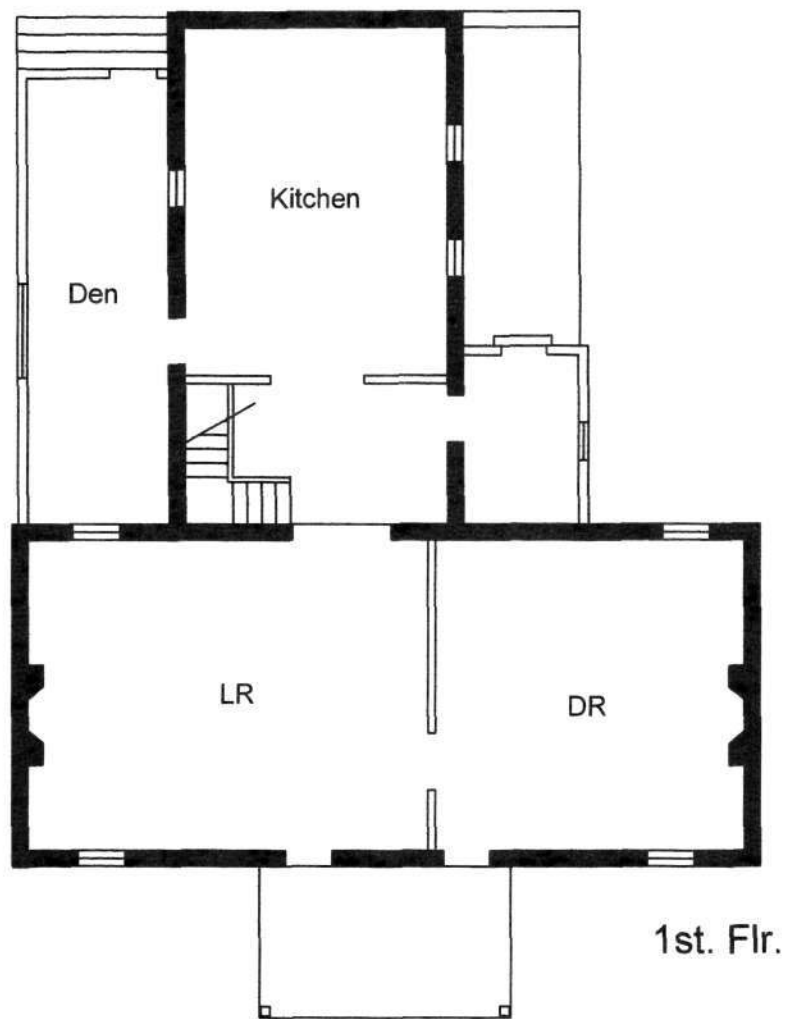
One and a half story wooden storage building with standing seam metal gable roof. This storage building was constructed by the present owner eight years ago to resemble the look of the barn, with a standing seam metal roof and reused barn siding and framing.

Outbuilding 5 (photo 10):

One story concrete block storage building with asphalt shingled gable roof.

The house no longer exhibits the distinctive characteristics of any type, period, or method of construction nor is the property associated with events that have contributed to history. Because of the extensive alterations, the house is no longer representative of anything, especially not the simple bearing wall stone houses built in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania in the first half of the 19th century. Research at the Carroll County Historical Society did not show that the farm was owned by or associated with anyone significant in the history of Carroll County. Nothing in the research at the Carroll County Historical Society showed that the farm played a significant role in the agricultural history of Carroll County. It is not known what the farm grew or raised throughout most of its existence. The original framing of the barn is intact and the building appears to have been re-sided. Although it is over 50 years old, the barn has been altered and does not exhibit the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Skiba House

Finksburg, MD

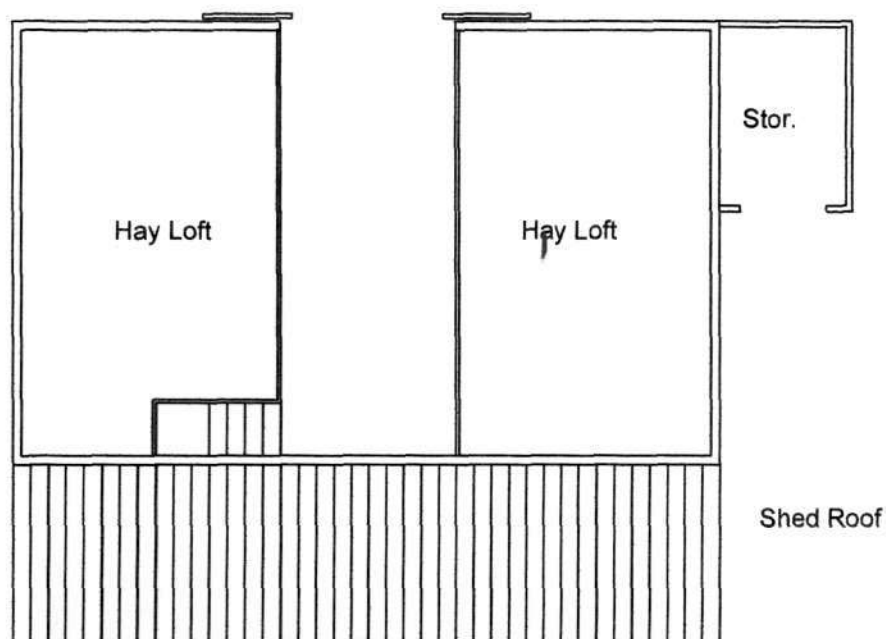
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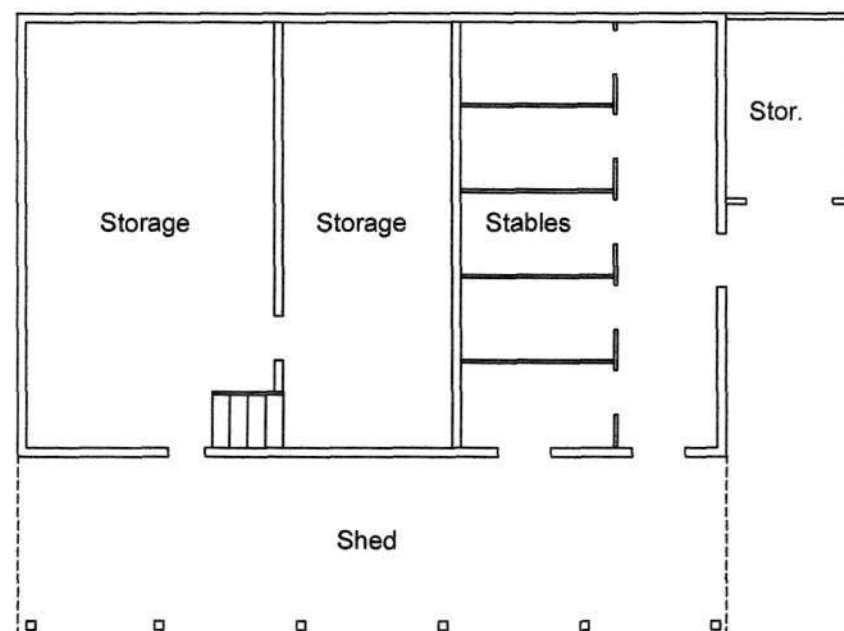
Original Construction



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Upper Level

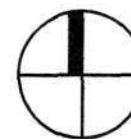


Lower Level

# Skiba Barn

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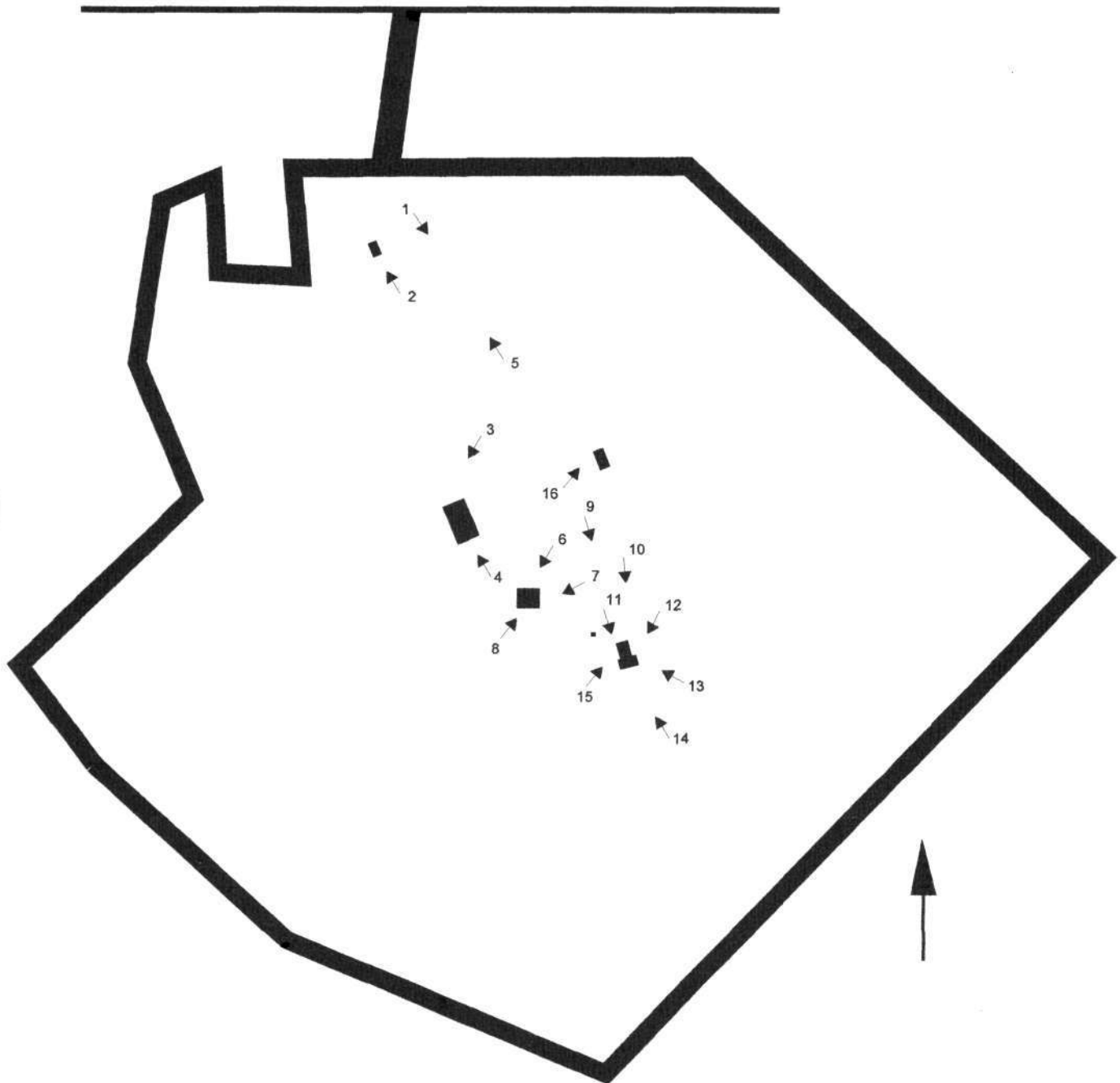
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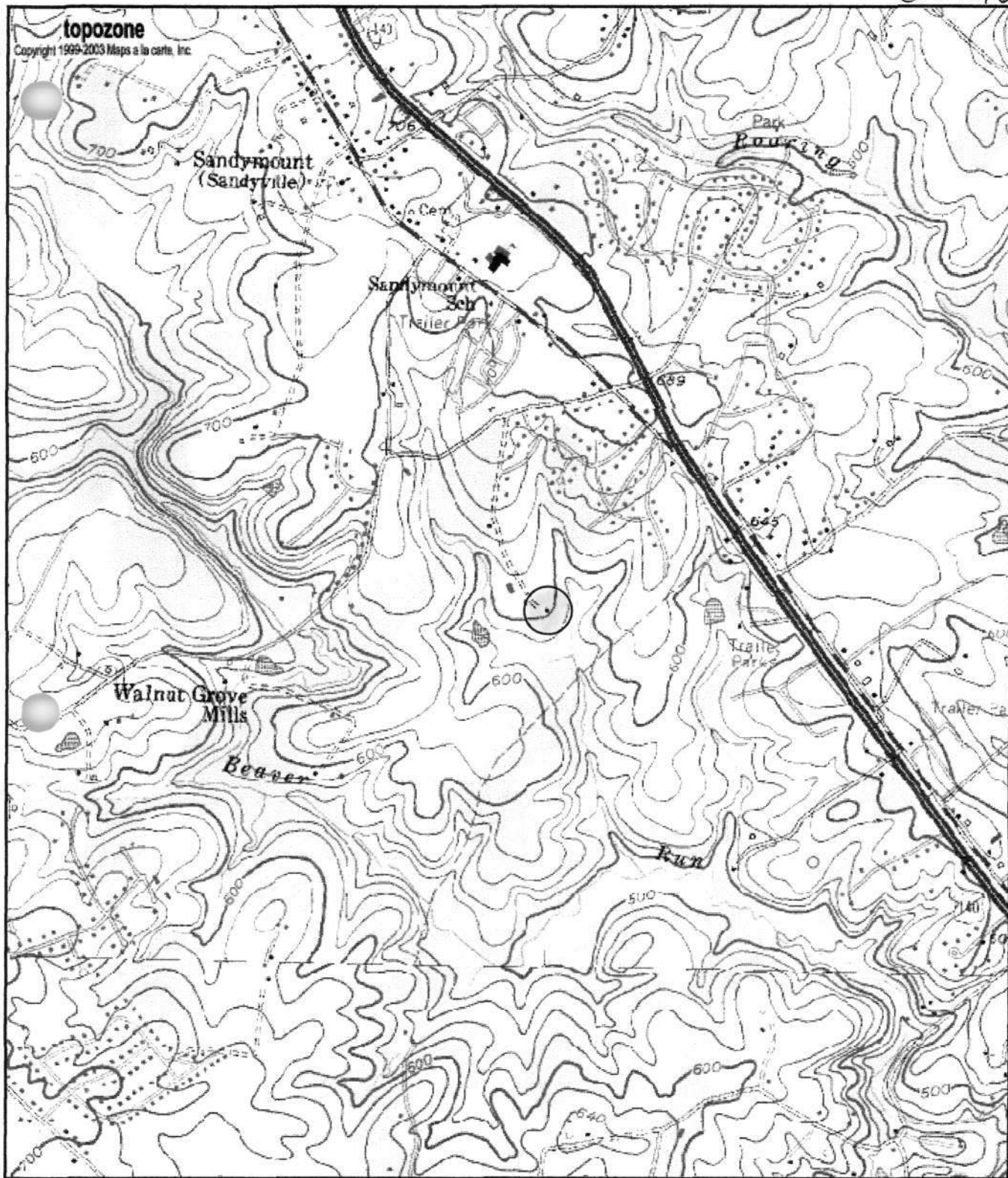
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Greenmill Rd.



Skiba Farms  
Photo Key

CARR-1693



0 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 1.5 km  
0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 mi

UTM 18 335079E 4375070N (NAD27)  
**USGS Westminster (MD) Quadrangle**  
Projection is UTM Zone 18 NAD83 Datum

M\*  
M=-10.963  
G=-1.221





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2181 GREENMILL RD.  
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C. BELFOUR

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NEG: C. BELFOUR

LOOKING SOUTH INTO  
SITE FROM ENTRY ROAD

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SOUTH ELEVATION OF  
HOUSE FOR HIRED  
HELP

2/16



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NORTH & EAST ELEVATIONS  
OF CONC. BLOCK BARN

3/16



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NORTH & EAST ELEVATIONS  
OF CONC. BLOCK BARN

4/16





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LOOKING NORTH AT  
ENTRY

5/16



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NORTH & EAST ELEVATION  
OF WOODEN BARN

6/16



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SOUTH ELEVATION  
OF WOODEN BARN

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NEG: C. BELFORE

WEST ELEV. OF  
WOODEN BARN

8/16





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NEG: C. BELFOUR

LOOKING SOUTH AT  
WOODEN BARN,  
MAIN HOUSE & GARAGE

9/16



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NEG: C. BELFOUR

LOOKING SOUTH AT  
MAIN HOUSE & GARAGE

10/16



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C. BELFOIRE

11/16/07

NEG: C. BELFOIRE

NORTH ELEVATION OF  
MAIN HOUSE

11/16





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CARROLL CO

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NEG: C. BELFOUR

EAST ELEVATION OF  
MAIN HOUSE

12/16



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NEG: C. BELFOUR

SOUTH & EAST ELEVATION  
OF MAIN HOUSE

13/16



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SOUTH ELEVATION OF  
MAIN HOUSE

14/16



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NEG: C. BELFOUR

WEST ELEVATION OF  
MAIN HOUSE

15/16





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NEG: C. BELFOUR

NORTH ELEVATION OF  
HAY SHED

16/16